crore for Voluntary retirement scheme to provide financial help to workers who are to be displaced; if so, what is the number of workers involved;

(d) how it is proposed to raise this Rs. 550 crores to provide compensation to the workers; and

(e) the reasons for not acting on the recommendation of the Abid Hussain Committee calling for provision of appropriate training to enable absorption of the surplus labour in worthwhile activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The cumulative net losses incurred, by National Textile Corporation mills upto 31-3-1991 amounted to about Rs. 2016.27 crores.

(b) No, sir.

(c) and (d) NTC has submitted 8th Plan proposals which *inter-alia* envisages voluntary retirement etc. These proposals are under discussions at various levels. Since no final decision has been taken regarding the 8th Plan proposals of NTC, it would be premature to indicate as to number of workers to be rationalised, compensation required etc.

(e) The recommendationg of Abid Hussain Committee are still under consideration of the Government and a decision on the recommendations would be taken early.

Export of cotton yarn

1727. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1,25,000 tonnes of cotton yarn is to be exported this year;

(b) what amount of foreign exchange will be earned through this export; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to encourage cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b) The exports of cotton yarn during period January-October, 1991 amounted to 98,85 million Kgo. valued at Rs. 674,3 crores.

(c) The Government have taken the following steps to encourage cotton growers:-

1. Timely announcement of Minimum Support Prices which provide reasonable returns to the growers after covering the cost of inputs.

2. Release of quotas for export of cotton.

3. Price support operations by the Cotton Corporation of India whenever the prices of Kapas fall below the Minimum Support price.

Complaints against chief executives and senior officials of taxtile units

1728. PROF. SAURIN BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister!.of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints and representations against some of the Chief Executives and senior officials of the public sector textile units during the last three months;

(b) whether some of such chief executives are not attending to their offices and instead attending, for major period of times their Ministry's office; and

(c) if so, what are the details there.of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OP TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Some complaints/representations have been received against few Chief Executives. As no substance has been found in them, no action is required to be taken.